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1 UNITED STATES  
2 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
3 BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
4 Central Valley Project, California

5 LONG-TERM RENEWAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES  
6 AND  
7 PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
8 WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT DISTRIBUTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
9 AND SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
10 PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE  
11 FROM DELTA DIVISION

12 THIS CONTRACT, made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, in pursuance  
13 generally of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory or supplementary thereto,  
14 including, but not limited to, the Acts of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844), as amended and  
15 supplemented, August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), as amended and supplemented, July 2, 1956 (70 Stat.  
16 483), June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68), October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1263), October 27, 1986 (100 Stat.  
17 3050), as amended, and Title XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706), all collectively  
18 hereinafter referred to as Federal Reclamation law, between THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
19 hereinafter referred to as the United States, and **PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT**  
20 **AGENCY, WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT DISTRIBUTION DISTRICT NO. 1, and**  
21 **SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**, hereinafter referred to as the Contractors, a  
22 public agency of the State of California, duly organized, existing, and acting pursuant to the laws

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thereof; and

WITNESSETH, That:

EXPLANATORY RECITALS

[1<sup>st</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States has constructed and is operating the Central Valley Project, California, for diversion, storage, carriage, distribution and beneficial use, for flood control, irrigation, municipal, domestic, industrial, fish and wildlife mitigation, protection and restoration, generation and distribution of electric energy, salinity control, navigation and other beneficial uses, of waters of the Sacramento River, the American River, the Trinity River, and the San Joaquin River and their tributaries; and

[2<sup>nd</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States constructed the Delta-Mendota Canal and related facilities, hereinafter collectively referred to as the Delta Division Facilities, which will be used in part for the furnishing of water to the Contractors pursuant to the terms of this Contract; and [Contractor specific issue w/respect to additional facilities]

[3<sup>rd</sup>] WHEREAS, the rights to Project Water were acquired by the United States pursuant to California law for operation of the Project; and

[4<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the **Mercy Springs Water District (District)** and the United States entered into Contract No. 14-06-200-3365A, ~~hereinafter referred to as the Existing Contract~~, which established terms for the delivery to the **District Contractor** of Project Water from the Delta Division

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Facilities from **June 21, 1967 through February 28, 1995**; and

[5<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the ~~Contractor~~ **District** and the United States have pursuant to subsection 3404(c)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), subsequently entered into interim renewal contract(s) identified as Contract No(s). **14-06-200-3365A-IR1, and 14-06-200-3365A-IR2**, which provided for the continued water service to the **District** ~~Contractor~~ from **March 1, 1995 through February 29, 2000**; and

[5.1] WHEREAS, during the term of Contract No. 14-06-200-3365A-IR2 and following the approval of the United States, the District assigned to the Contractors on May 14, 1999, the right, title and interest in that portion of Contract No. 14-06-200-3365A-IR2 consisting of 6,260 acre-feet of Central Valley Project Water and any rights to renew that partial interest in Contract No. 14-06-200-3365A-IR2; and

[5.2] WHEREAS, concurrent with the above assignment the Contractors entered into a separate agreement stating the terms and conditions by which the Contractors would share the assigned Central Valley Project Water supply; and

[5.3] WHEREAS, the District and the Contractors and the United States have subsequent to the assignment entered into sequential interim renewal contracts identified as Contract Nos. 14-06-200-3365A-IR3-A, 14-06-200-3365A-IR4-A, 14-06-200-3365A-IR5-A, 14-06-200-3365A-IR6-A, and 14-06-200-3365A-IR7-A with the District, and Contract Nos. 14-06-200-3365A-IR3-B, 14-06-200-3365A-IR4-B, 14-06-200-3365A-IR5-B, 14-06-200-3365A-IR6-B,

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and 14-06-200-3365A-IR7-B the latter of which is hereinafter referred to as the Existing

Contract, with the Contractors, respectively, to provide for continued delivery of Project Water consistent with the partial assignment;

[6<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, Section 3404(c) of the CVPIA provides for long-term renewal of interim and existing long-term Project Water contracts following completion of appropriate environmental documentation, including a programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyzing the direct and indirect impacts and benefits of implementing the CVPIA and the potential renewal of all existing contracts for Project Water; and [Contractor specific issue]

[6.1] Contractor Specific Issue recognizing partial assignment of the contract to a third party or the acquisition of Project Water through assignment(s), if such acquired water is being covered under this Contract; and

[7<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States has completed the PEIS and all other appropriate environmental review necessary to provide for long-term renewal of the Existing Contract; and

[8<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the Contractors **have** requested the long-term renewal of the Existing Contract, pursuant to the terms of the Existing Contract, Federal Reclamation law, and the laws of the State of California, for water service from the Project; and

[9<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States has determined that the Contractors **have** fulfilled all of

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its obligations under the Existing Contract; and

[10<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the Contractors **have** demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that the Contractors **have** utilized the Project Water supplies available to it for reasonable and beneficial use and/or has demonstrated projected future demand for water use such that the Contractors **have** the capability<sup>1</sup> and expects to utilize fully for reasonable and beneficial use the quantity of Project Water to be made available to it pursuant to this Contract; and [Contractor Specific]

[11<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, water obtained from the Project has been relied upon by urban and agricultural areas within California for more than 50 years, and is considered by the Contractors as an essential portion of its water supply; and

[12<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the economies of regions within the Project, including the Contractors', depend upon the continued availability of water, including water service from the Project; and

[13<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the Secretary intends through coordination, cooperation, and partnerships to pursue measures to improve water supply, water quality, and reliability of the Project for all Project purposes; and

[14<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the mutual goals of the United States and the Contractors include: to

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<sup>1</sup> Contractor specific issue – This recital may need to be modified for individual contractors who do not have the capability today to take Project Water but can demonstrate that they will have the capability to take Project Water prior to the delivery of water under this contract

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provide for reliable Project Water supplies; to control costs of those supplies; to achieve repayment of the Project as required by law; to guard reasonably against Project Water shortages; to achieve a reasonable balance among competing demands for use of Project Water; and to comply with all applicable environmental statutes, all consistent with the legal obligations of the United States relative to the Project; and

[14.1] WHEREAS, the parties intend by this Contract to develop a more cooperative relationship in order to achieve their mutual goals; and

[15<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the Contractors **have** utilized or may utilize transfers, contract assignments, rescheduling and conveyance of non-Project Water under this Contract as tools to minimize the impacts of Conditions of Shortage and to maximize the beneficial use of Project Water; and

[15.1] WHEREAS, the parties desire and intend that this Contract not provide a disincentive to the Contractors in continuing to carry out the beneficial activities set out in the Explanatory Recital immediately above; and

[16<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractors are willing to enter into this renewal Contract pursuant to Federal Reclamation law on the terms and conditions set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and dependent covenants herein contained, it is hereby mutually agreed, by the parties hereto as follows:

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DEFINITIONS

1. When used herein unless otherwise distinctly expressed, or manifestly incompatible with the intent of the parties as expressed in this Contract, the term:

(a) "Calendar Year" shall mean the period January 1 through December 31, both dates inclusive;

(b) "Charges" shall mean the payments required by Federal Reclamation law in addition to the Rates and Tiered Pricing Components specified in this Contract as determined annually by the Contracting Officer pursuant to this Contract;

(c) "Condition of Shortage" shall mean a condition respecting the Project during any Year such that the Contracting Officer is unable to deliver sufficient water to meet the Contract Total;<sup>2</sup>

(d) "Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior's duly authorized representative acting pursuant to this Contract or applicable Federal Reclamation law or regulation;

(e) "Contract Total" shall mean the maximum amount of water to which the Contractors **are** entitled under subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract;

(f) "Contractors' Service Area" shall mean the area to which the Contractors **are**

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<sup>2</sup> Contractor specific/ Unit specific issue

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permitted to provide Project Water under this Contract as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto,  
which may be modified from time to time in accordance with Article 35 of this Contract without  
amendment of this Contract;<sup>3</sup>

(g) "CVPIA" shall mean the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Title  
XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706);

(g.1) "Delta Division Facilities" shall mean those existing and future Project  
facilities in and south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers Delta, including, but not limited to, the  
Tracy Pumping Plant, the O'Neill Pumping/Generating Plant, and the San Luis Reservoir, used to  
divert, store and convey water to those Project Contractors entitled to receive water conveyed  
through the Delta-Mendota Canal.

(h) "Eligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Irrigation Water may be  
delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the Reclamation Reform Act of October 12, 1982 (96  
Stat. 1263), as amended, hereinafter referred to as RRA;

(i) "Excess Lands" shall mean all lands in excess of the limitations contained in  
Section 204 of the RRA, other than those lands exempt from acreage limitation under Federal  
Reclamation law;

(j) "Full Cost Rate" shall mean an annual rate, as determined by the



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Contracting Officer that shall amortize the expenditures for construction properly allocable to the Project irrigation or M&I functions, as appropriate, of facilities in service including all O&M deficits funded, less payments, over such periods as may be required under Federal Reclamation law, or applicable contract provisions. Interest will accrue on both the construction expenditures and funded O&M deficits from October 12, 1982, on costs outstanding at that date, or from the date incurred in the case of costs arising subsequent to October 12, 1982, and shall be calculated in accordance with subsections 202(3)(B) and (3)(C) of the RRA. The full-cost rate includes actual operation, maintenance, and replacement costs consistent with Section 426.2 of the Rules and Regulations for the RRA;<sup>4</sup>

(k) "Ineligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Irrigation Water may not be delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the RRA;

(l) "Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate" shall mean the Full Cost Rate applicable to the delivery of Irrigation Water;

(m) "Irrigation Water" shall mean water made available from the Project that is used primarily in the production of agricultural crops or livestock, including domestic use incidental thereto, and watering of livestock;

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3 Contractor specific issue with respect to using legal description or service area map

4 This definition may be an issue with M&I contractors and those with Repayment contracts pursuant to section 9(d) of the Reclamation Projects Act 1939

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- (n) "Landholder" shall mean a party that directly or indirectly owns or leases nonexempt land, as provided in 43 CFR 426.2;
- (o) "Municipal and Industrial (M&I) Water"<sup>5</sup> shall mean Project Water, other than Irrigation Water, made available to the Contractors. M&I Water shall include water used for human use and purposes such as the watering of landscaping or pasture for animals (e.g., horses) which are kept for personal enjoyment or water delivered to landholdings operated in units of less than five acres unless the Contractors establish to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that the use of water delivered to any such landholding is a use described in subdivision (m) of this Article;
- [Contractor Specific]
- (p) M&I Full Cost Water Rate shall mean the Full Cost Rate applicable to the delivery of M&I Water;
- (q) "Operation and Maintenance" or "O&M" shall mean normal and reasonable care, control, operation, repair, replacement (other than capital replacement), and maintenance of Project facilities;
- (r) "Operating Non-Federal Entity"<sup>6</sup> shall mean the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, a Non-Federal entity which has the obligation to operate and maintain all or a

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<sup>5</sup> Some Contractors may want to include "other water" definition in lieu of this definition.

<sup>6</sup> Contractor specific issue with respect to additional operating non-federal entities

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portion of the Delta Division Facilities pursuant to an agreement with the United States, and which  
may have funding obligations with respect thereto;

(s) "Project" shall mean the Central Valley Project owned by the United States  
and managed by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation;

(t) "Project Contractors" shall mean all parties who have water service contracts  
for Project Water from the Project with the United States pursuant to Federal Reclamation law;

(u) "Project Water" shall mean all water that is developed, diverted, stored, or  
delivered by the Secretary in accordance with the statutes authorizing the Project and in accordance  
with the terms and conditions of water rights acquired pursuant to California law;

(v) "Rates" shall mean the payments determined annually by the Contracting  
Officer in accordance with the then current applicable water ratesetting policies for the Project, as  
described in subdivision (a) of Article 7 of this Contract;

(w) "Recent Historic Average" shall mean the most recent five year average of the  
final forecast of Water Made Available to the Contractors pursuant to this Contract or its preceding  
contract(s);

(x) "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior, a duly appointed  
successor, or an authorized representative acting pursuant to any authority of the Secretary and

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through any agency of the Department of the Interior;

(y) "Tiered Pricing Component" shall be the incremental amount to be paid for each acre-foot of Water Delivered as described in subdivision (j) of Article 7 of this Contract;

(z) "Water Delivered" or "Delivered Water" shall mean Project Water diverted for use by the Contractors at the point(s) of delivery approved by the Contracting Officer;<sup>7</sup>

(aa) "Water Made Available" shall mean the estimated amount of Project Water that can be delivered to the Contractors for the upcoming Year as declared by the Contracting Officer, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 4 of this Contract;

(bb) "Water Scheduled" shall mean Project Water made available to the Contractors for which times and quantities for delivery have been established by the Contractors and Contracting Officer, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract; and

(cc) "Year" shall mean the period from and including March 1 of each Calendar Year through the last day of February of the following Calendar Year.

#### TERM OF CONTRACT

2. (a) This Contract shall be effective March 1, 200\_, through February \_\_, 20\_\_\_. In the event the Contractors wishes to renew this Contract beyond February \_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, the Contractors shall submit a request for renewal in writing to the Contracting Officer no later than two years prior

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<sup>7</sup> Contractor specific

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to the date this Contract expires. The renewal of this Contract insofar as it pertains to the furnishing of Irrigation Water to the Contractors shall be governed by subdivision (b) of this Article, and the renewal of this Contract insofar as it pertains to the furnishing of M&I Water to the Contractors shall be governed by subdivision (c) of this Article. [Contractor Specific]

(b) (1) Under terms and conditions of a renewal contract that are mutually agreeable to the parties hereto, and upon a determination by the Contracting Officer that at the time of contract renewal the conditions set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this Article are met, and subject to Federal and State law, this Contract, insofar as it pertains to the furnishing of Irrigation Water to the Contractors, shall be renewed for a period of 25 years.

(2) The conditions which must be met for this Contract to be renewed are:

(i) the Contractors **have** prepared a water conservation plan that has been determined by the Contracting Officer in accordance with Article 26 of this Contract to meet the conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating such plans established under Federal law; (ii) the Contractors **are** implementing an effective water conservation and efficiency program based on the Contractors' water conservation plan as required by Article 26 of this Contract; (iii) the Contractors **are** operating and maintaining all water measuring devices and implementing all water measurement methods as approved by the Contracting Officer pursuant to Article 6 of this Contract; (iv) the Contractors **have**

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reasonably and beneficially used the Project Water supplies made available to it and, based on projected demands, is reasonably anticipated and expects fully to utilize for reasonable and beneficial use the quantity of Project Water to be made available to it pursuant to such renewal; (v) the Contractors **are** complying with all terms and conditions of this Contract; and (vi) the Contractors **have** the physical and legal ability to deliver Project Water<sup>8</sup>.

(3) The terms and conditions of the renewal contract described in subdivision (b)(1) of this Article and any subsequent renewal contracts shall be developed consistent with the parties' respective legal rights and obligations, and in consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances, as those circumstances exist at the time of renewal, including, without limitation, the Contractors' need for continued delivery of Project Water; environmental conditions affected by implementation of the Contract to be renewed, and specifically changes in those conditions that occurred during the life of the Contract to be renewed; the Secretary's progress toward achieving the purposes of the CVPIA as set out in Section 3402 and in implementing the specific provisions of the CVPIA; and current and anticipated economic circumstances of the region served by the Contractors.

(c) This Contract, insofar as it pertains to the furnishing of M&I Water to the Contractors, shall be renewed for successive periods of up to 40 years each, which periods shall be consistent with the then-existing policy, under terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the parties

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<sup>8</sup> Refer to footnote 1 with respect to contractor capability to take delivery of water

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and consistent with Federal and State law. [Contractor Specific] The Contractors shall be afforded the opportunity to comment to the Contracting Officer on the proposed adoption and application of any revised Reclamation-wide policy applicable to the delivery of M&I Water that would limit the term of any subsequent renewal contract with the Contractors for the furnishing of M&I Water to less than 40 years.

(d) The Contracting Officer shall make a determination ten years after the date of execution of this Contract, and every five years thereafter during the term of this Contract, of whether a conversion to a contract under said subsection 9(d) can be accomplished pursuant to the Act of July 2, 1956 (Public Law 643). The Contracting Officer shall also make a determination ten years after the date of execution of this Contract, and every five years thereafter during the term of this Contract, of whether a conversion to a contract under subsection 9 (c)(1) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 can be accomplished.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Contract, the Contractors reserve and shall have all rights and benefits under Public Law 643. The Contracting Officer anticipates that during the term of this contract, all authorized Project construction expected to occur will have occurred, and on that basis the Contracting Officer agrees upon such completion to allocate all costs that are properly assignable to the Contractors, and agrees further that, at any time after such

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allocation is made, and subject to satisfaction of the condition set out in this subdivision, this  
Contract shall, at the request of the Contractors, be converted to a contract under subsection  
9(d) or 9(c)(1), whichever is applicable, of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, subject to  
applicable Federal law and under stated terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the  
Contractors and the Contracting Officer. A condition for such conversion to occur shall be a  
determination by the Contracting Officer that, account being taken of the amount credited to  
return by the Contractors as provided for under Federal Reclamation law, the remaining  
amount of construction costs assignable for ultimate return by the Contractors can probably be  
repaid to the United States within the term of a contract under said subsection 9(d) or 9(c)(1),  
whichever is applicable. If the remaining amount of costs that are properly assignable to the  
Contractors cannot be determined during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer  
shall notify the Contractors, and provide the reason(s) why such a determination could not be  
made. Further, the Contracting Officer shall make such a determination as soon thereafter as  
possible so as to permit, upon request of the Contractors and satisfaction of the condition set  
out above, conversion to a contract under said subsection 9(d) or 9(c)(1), whichever is  
applicable. In the event such determination of costs has not been made at a time which allows  
conversion of this Contract during the term of this Contract or the Contractors have not  
requested conversion of this Contract within such term, the parties shall incorporate in any



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subsequent renewal contract as described in subdivision (b) of this Article a provision that carries forth in substantially identical terms the provisions of this subdivision.

WATER TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AND DELIVERED TO THE CONTRACTORS

3. (a) During each Year, consistent with all applicable State water rights, permits, and licenses; Federal law; and subject to the provisions set forth in Articles 11 and 12 of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall make available for delivery to the Contractor 6,260 acre-feet of Project Water for irrigation and M&I purposes. Water Delivered to the Contractors in accordance with this subdivision shall be scheduled and paid for pursuant to the provisions of Articles 4 and 7 of this Contract.

(b) Because the capacity of the Project to deliver Project Water has been constrained in recent years and may be constrained in the future due to many factors including hydrologic conditions and implementation of Federal and State laws, the likelihood of the Contractors actually receiving the amount of water set out in subdivision (a) of this Article in any given Year is uncertain. The Contracting Officer's most recent modeling referenced in the PEIS projected that the Contract Total set forth in this Contract will not be available to the Contractors in many years. During the most recent five years, the Recent Historic Average of Water Made Available to the Contractors was \_\_\_\_\_ acre-feet. Nothing in subdivision (b) of this Article shall affect the rights and obligations of the parties under any provision of this Contract.

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(c) The Contractors shall utilize the Project Water in accordance with all applicable legal requirements.

(d) The Contractors shall make reasonable and beneficial use of all Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to subdivision (f) of this Article. Groundwater recharge programs (direct, indirect, or in lieu), groundwater banking programs, surface water storage programs, and other similar programs utilizing Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract conducted within the Contractors' Service Area which are consistent with applicable State law and result in use consistent with Federal Reclamation law will be allowed; Provided, That any direct recharge program(s) is (are) described in the Contractors' water conservation plan submitted pursuant to Article 26 of this Contract; Provided, further, That such water conservation plan demonstrates sufficient lawful uses exist in the Contractors' Service Area so that using a long-term average, the quantity of Delivered Water is demonstrated to be reasonable for such uses and in compliance with Federal Reclamation law. Groundwater recharge programs, groundwater banking programs, surface water storage programs, and other similar programs utilizing Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract conducted outside the Contractors' Service Area may be permitted upon written approval of the Contracting Officer, which approval will be based upon environmental documentation, Project Water rights, and Project operational concerns. The Contracting Officer will address such concerns in regulations, policies, or guidelines.

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(e) The Contractors shall comply with requirements applicable to the Contractors in biological opinion(s) prepared as a result of a consultation regarding the execution of this Contract undertaken pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended, that are within the Contractors' legal authority to implement. The Existing Contract, which evidences in excess of \_\_ years of diversions for irrigation and/or M&I purposes<sup>9</sup> of the quantities of water provided in subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract, will be considered in developing an appropriate baseline for the biological assessments prepared pursuant to the ESA, and any other needed environmental review. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the Contractors from challenging or seeking judicial relief in a court of competent jurisdiction with respect to any biological opinion or other environmental documentation referred to in this Article.<sup>10</sup>

(f) Following the declaration of Water Made Available under Article 4 of this Contract, the Contracting Officer will make a determination whether Project Water, or other water available to the Project, can be made available to the Contractors in addition to the Contract Total under this Article during the Year without adversely impacting other Project Contractors. At the request of the Contractors, the Contracting Officer will consult with the Contractor prior to making such a determination. If the Contracting Officer determines that Project Water, or other water

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<sup>9</sup> Contractor Specific Issue. The type of water diverted will be addressed on a contractor specific basis

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available to the Project, can be made available to the Contractors, the Contracting Officer will announce the availability of such water and shall so notify the Contractors as soon as practical. The Contracting Officer will thereafter meet with the Contractors and other Project Contractors capable of taking such water to determine the most equitable and efficient allocation of such water. If the Contractors request the delivery of any quantity of such water, the Contracting Officer shall make such water available to the Contractors in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines, and policies. Subject to existing long-term contractual commitments, water rights and operational constraints, long-term Project Contractors shall have a first right to acquire such water, including Project Water made available pursuant to Section 215 of the RRA

(g) The Contractors may request permission to reschedule for use during the subsequent Year some or all of the Water Made Available to the Contractors during the current Year, referred to as "rescheduled water." The Contractors may request permission to use during the current Year a quantity of Project Water which may be made available by the United States to the Contractors during the subsequent Year referred to as "preuse." The Contracting Officer's written approval may permit such uses in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines, and policies.

(h) The Contractors' right pursuant to Federal Reclamation law and applicable State law to the reasonable and beneficial use of Water Delivered pursuant to this Contract during the

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term thereof and any subsequent renewal contracts, as described in Article 2 of this Contract, during the terms thereof shall not be disturbed so long as the Contractors shall fulfill all of its obligations under this Contract and any renewals thereof. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall affect the Contracting Officer's ability to impose shortages under Article 11 or subdivision (b) of Article 12 of this Contract or applicable provisions of any subsequent renewal contracts.

(i) Project Water furnished to the Contractors pursuant to this Contract may be delivered for purposes other than those described in subdivisions (m) and (o) of Article 1 of this Contract upon written approval by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the terms and conditions of such approval.

(j) The Contracting Officer shall make reasonable efforts to protect the water rights necessary for the Project and to provide the water available under this Contract. The Contracting Officer shall not object to participation by the Contractors, in the capacity and to the extent permitted by law, in administrative proceedings related to the Project Water rights; Provided, however, That the Contracting Officer retains the right to object to the substance of the Contractors' position in such a proceeding; Provided, further, That in such proceedings the Contracting Officer shall recognize the Contractors **have** a legal right under the terms of this Contract to use Project Water.

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4. (a) On or about February 20 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall announce the Contracting Officer's expected declaration of the Water Made Available. Such declaration will be expressed in terms of both Water Made Available and the Recent Historic Average and will be updated monthly, and more frequently if necessary, based on then-current operational and hydrologic conditions and a new declaration with changes, if any, to the Water Made Available will be made. The Contracting Officer shall provide forecasts of Project operations and the basis of the estimate, with relevant supporting information, upon the written request of the Contractors. Concurrently with the declaration of the Water Made Available, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractors with the updated Recent Historic Average.

(b)<sup>11</sup> On or before each March 1 and at such other times as necessary, the Contractors shall submit to the Contracting Officer a written schedule, satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, showing the monthly quantities of Project Water to be delivered by the United States to the Contractors pursuant to this Contract for the Year commencing on such March 1. The Contracting Officer shall use all reasonable means to deliver Project Water according to the approved schedule for the Year commencing on such March 1.

(c) The Contractors shall not schedule Project Water in excess of the quantity of Project Water the Contractors intends to put to reasonable and beneficial use within the Contractors'

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<sup>11</sup> Contractor Specific with respect to binding agreement contractors

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Service Area or sell, transfer or exchange pursuant to Article 9 of this Contract during any Year.

(d) Subject to the conditions set forth in subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract, the United States shall deliver Project Water to the Contractors in accordance with the initial schedule submitted by the Contractors pursuant to subdivision (b) of this Article, or any written revision(s), satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, thereto submitted within a reasonable time prior to the date(s) on which the requested change(s) is/are to be implemented.

**POINT OF DIVERSION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER**

5. (a) Project Water scheduled pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract shall be delivered to the Contractors at a point or points and any additional point or points of delivery either on Project facilities or another location or locations mutually agreed to in writing by the Contracting Officer and the Contractors.

(b) The Contracting Officer, the Operating Non-Federal Entity, or other appropriate entity shall make all reasonable efforts to maintain sufficient flows and levels of water in the Delta-Mendota Canal<sup>12</sup> to deliver Project Water to the Contractors at specific turnouts established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article.

(c) The Contractors shall deliver Irrigation Water in accordance with any applicable land classification provisions of Federal Reclamation law and the associated regulations.

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<sup>12</sup> Contractor specific/Unit specific issue with respect to including other appropriate facilities

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The Contractors shall not deliver Project Water to land outside the Contractors' Service Area unless approved in advance by the Contracting Officer.

(d) All Water Delivered to the Contractors pursuant to this Contract shall be measured and recorded with equipment furnished, installed, operated, and maintained by the United States, the Operating Non-Federal Entity or other appropriate entity as designated by the Contracting Officer (hereinafter [other appropriate entity]) at the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article. Upon the request of either party to this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall investigate, or cause to be investigated by the responsible Operating Non-Federal Entity, the accuracy of such measurements and shall take any necessary steps to adjust any errors appearing therein. For any period of time when accurate measurements have not been made, the Contracting Officer shall consult with the Contractors and the responsible Operating Non-Federal Entity prior to making a final determination of the quantity delivered for that period of time.

(e) Neither the Contracting Officer, any Operating Non-Federal Entity nor other appropriate entity shall be responsible for the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of Water Delivered to the Contractors pursuant to this Contract beyond the delivery points specified in subdivision (a) of this Article. The Contractors shall indemnify the United States, its officers, employees, agents, and assigns on account of damage or claim of damage of any nature whatsoever



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for which there is legal responsibility, including property damage, personal injury, or death arising out of or connected with the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of such Water Delivered beyond such delivery points, except for any damage or claim arising out of: (i) acts or omissions of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns, including any responsible Operating Non-Federal Entity, with the intent of creating the situation resulting in any damage or claim; (ii) willful misconduct of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns, including any responsible Operating Non-Federal Entity; (iii) negligence of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns including any responsible Operating Non-Federal Entity; or (iv) damage or claims resulting from a malfunction of facilities owned and/or operated by the United States or responsible Operating Non-Federal Entity; Provided, That the Contractors **are** not the Operating Non-Federal Entity that owned or operated the malfunctioning facility(ies) from which the damage claim arose.

**MEASUREMENT OF WATER WITHIN THE CONTRACTORS' SERVICE AREA**<sup>13</sup>

6. (a) The Contractors **have** established a measuring program satisfactory to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor's shall ensure that all surface water delivered for irrigation purposes within the Contractors' Service Area is measured at each agricultural turnout and such water delivered for M&I purposes is measured at each M&I service connection. The water

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<sup>13</sup> Contractor specific issue which may require additional language

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measuring devices or water measuring methods of comparable effectiveness must be acceptable to the Contracting Officer. The Contractors shall be responsible for installing, operating, and maintaining and repairing all such measuring devices and implementing all such water measuring methods at no cost to the United States. The Contractors shall use the information obtained from such water measuring devices or water measuring methods to ensure its proper management of the water, to bill water users for water delivered by the Contractors; and, if applicable, to record water delivered for M&I purposes by customer class as defined in the Contractor's water conservation plan provided for in Article 26 of this Contract. Nothing herein contained, however, shall preclude the Contractors from establishing and collecting any charges, assessments, or other revenues authorized by California law. The Contractors shall include a summary of all its annual surface water deliveries in the annual report described in subdivision (c) of Article 26.

(b) To the extent the information has not otherwise been provided, upon execution of this Contract, the Contractors shall provide to the Contracting Officer a written report describing the measurement devices or water measuring methods being used or to be used to implement subdivision (a) of this Article and identifying the agricultural turnouts and the M&I service connections or alternative measurement programs approved by the Contracting Officer, at which such measurement devices or water measuring methods are being used, and, if applicable, identifying the

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locations at which such devices and/or methods are not yet being used including a time schedule for implementation at such locations. The Contracting Officer shall advise the Contractors in writing within 60 days as to the adequacy and necessary modifications, if any, of the measuring devices or water measuring methods identified in the Contractor's report and if the Contracting Officer does not respond in such time, they shall be deemed adequate. If the Contracting Officer notifies the Contractors that the measuring devices or methods are inadequate, the parties shall within 60 days following the Contracting Officer's response, negotiate in good faith the earliest practicable date by which the Contractors shall modify said measuring devices and/or measuring methods as required by the Contracting Officer to ensure compliance with subdivision (a) of this Article.

(c) All new surface water delivery systems installed within the Contractors' Service Area after the effective date of this Contract shall also comply with the measurement provisions described in subdivision (a) of this Article.

(d) The Contractors shall inform the Contracting Officer and the State of California in writing by April 30 of each Year of the monthly volume of surface water delivered within the Contractors' Service Area during the previous Year.

(e) The Contractors shall inform the Contracting Officer and the Operating Non-Federal Entity on or before the 20th calendar day of each month of the quantity of Irrigation Water and M&I Water taken during the preceding month.

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RATES AND METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR WATER

7. (a) The Contractors shall pay the United States as provided in this Article for all Delivered Water at Rates, Charges, and the Tiered Pricing Component established in accordance with: (i) the Secretary's ratesetting policy for Irrigation Water adopted in 1988 and the Secretary's then-existing ratesetting policy for M&I Water. Such ratesetting policies shall be amended, modified, or superseded only through a public notice and comment procedure; (ii) applicable Federal Reclamation law and associated rules and regulations, or policies; and (iii) other applicable provisions of this Contract. Payment shall be made by cash transaction, wire transfer, or any other mechanism as may be agreed to in writing by the Contractors and the Contracting Officer. The Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component applicable to the Contractors upon execution of this Contract are set forth in Exhibit "B", as may be revised annually.

(b) The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractors of the Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Components as follows:

(1) Prior to July 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractors an estimate of the Charges for Project Water that will be applied to the period October 1, of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and the basis for such estimate. The Contractors shall be allowed not less than two months to review and comment on such estimates. On or before September 15 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting

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Officer shall notify the Contractors in writing of the Charges to be in effect during the period October 1 of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit B.

(2) Prior to October 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall make available to the Contractors an estimate of the Rates and Tiered Pricing Components for Project Water for the following Year and the computations and cost allocations upon which those Rates are based. The Contractors shall be allowed not less than two months to review and comment on such computations and cost allocations. By December 31 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractors with the final Rates and Tiered Pricing Components to be in effect for the upcoming Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit B.

(c) At the time the Contractors submits the initial schedule for the delivery of Project Water for each Year pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract, the Contractors shall make an advance payment to the United States equal to the total amount payable pursuant to the applicable Rate(s) set under subdivision (a) of this Article, for the Project Water scheduled to be delivered pursuant to this Contract during the first two calendar months of the Year. Before the end of the first month and before the end of each calendar month thereafter, the Contractors shall make an advance payment to the United States, at the Rate(s) set under subdivision (a) of this Article, for the Water Scheduled to be delivered pursuant to this Contract during the second month immediately

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following. Adjustments between advance payments for Water Scheduled and payments at Rates due for Water Delivered shall be made before the end of the following month; Provided, That any revised schedule submitted by the Contractors pursuant to Article 4 of this Contract which increases the amount of Water Delivered pursuant to this Contract during any month shall be accompanied with appropriate advance payment, at the Rates then in effect, to assure that Project Water is not delivered to the Contractors in advance of such payment. In any month in which the quantity of Water Delivered to the Contractors pursuant to this Contract equals the quantity of Water Scheduled and paid for by the Contractor, no additional Project Water shall be delivered to the Contractors unless and until an advance payment at the Rates then in effect for such additional Project Water is made. Final adjustment between the advance payments for the Water Scheduled and payments for the quantities of Water Delivered during each Year pursuant to this Contract shall be made as soon as practicable but no later than April 30th of the following Year, or 60 days after the delivery of Project Water rescheduled under subdivision (g) of Article 3 of this Contract if such water is not delivered by the last day of February.

(d) The Contractors shall also make a payment in addition to the Rate(s) in subdivision (c) of this Article to the United States for Water Delivered, at the Charges and the appropriate Tiered Pricing Component then in effect, before the end of the month following the month of delivery; Provided, That the Contractors may be granted an exception from the Tiered

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Pricing Component pursuant to subdivision (j)(2) of this Article. The payments shall be consistent with the quantities of Irrigation Water and M&I Water Delivered as shown in the water delivery report for the subject month prepared by the Operating Non-Federal Entity or, if there is no Operating Non-Federal Entity, by the Contracting Officer. The water delivery report shall be deemed a bill for the payment of Charges and the applicable Tiered Pricing Component for Water Delivered. Adjustment for overpayment or underpayment of Charges shall be made through the adjustment of payments due to the United States for Charges for the next month. Any amount to be paid for past due payment of Charges and the Tiered Pricing Component shall be computed pursuant to Article 20 of this Contract.

(e) The Contractors shall pay for any Water Delivered under subdivision (d), (f), or (g) of Article 3 of this Contract as determined by the Contracting Officer pursuant to applicable statutes, associated regulations, any applicable provisions of guidelines or ratesetting policies; Provided, That the Rate for Water Delivered under subdivision (d) or (f) of Article 3 of this Contract shall be no more than the otherwise applicable Rate for Irrigation Water or M&I Water under subdivision (a) of this Article.

(f) Payments to be made by the Contractors to the United States under this Contract may be paid from any revenues available to the Contractors.

(g) All revenues received by the United States from the Contractors relating to the

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delivery of Project Water or the delivery of non-Project water through Project facilities shall be allocated and applied in accordance with Federal Reclamation law and the associated rules or regulations, and the then current Project ratesetting policies for M&I Water or Irrigation Water.

(h) The Contracting Officer shall keep its accounts pertaining to the administration of the financial terms and conditions of its long-term contracts, in accordance with applicable Federal standards, so as to reflect the application of Project costs and revenues. The Contracting Officer shall, each Year upon request of the Contractors, provide to the Contractors a detailed accounting of all Project and Contractors expense allocations, the disposition of all Project and Contractors revenues, and a summary of all water delivery information. The Contracting Officer and the Contractors shall enter into good faith negotiations to resolve any discrepancies or disputes relating to accountings, reports, or information.

(i) The parties acknowledge and agree that the efficient administration of this Contract is their mutual goal. Recognizing that experience has demonstrated that mechanisms, policies, and procedures used for establishing Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Components, and/or for making and allocating payments, other than those set forth in this Article may be in the mutual best interest of the parties, it is expressly agreed that the parties may enter into agreements to modify the mechanisms, policies, and procedures for any of those purposes while this Contract is in effect without amending this Contract.



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(j) (1) Beginning at such time as deliveries of Project Water in a Year exceed 80 percent of the Contract Total, then before the end of the month following the month of delivery the Contractor shall make an additional payment to the United States equal to the applicable Tiered Pricing Component. The Tiered Pricing Component for the amount of Water Delivered in excess of 80 percent of the Contract Total, but less than or equal to 90 percent of the Contract Total, shall equal the one-half of the difference between the Rate established under subdivision (a) of this Article and the Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate or M&I Full Cost Water Rate, whichever is applicable. The Tiered Pricing Component for the amount of Water Delivered which exceeds 90 percent of the Contract Total shall equal the difference between (i) the Rate established under subdivision (a) of this Article and (ii) the Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate or M&I Full Cost Water Rate, whichever is applicable.

(2) Subject to the Contracting Officer's written approval, the Contractors may request and receive an exemption from such Tiered Pricing Components for Project Water delivered to produce a crop which the Contracting Officer determines will provide significant and quantifiable habitat values for waterfowl in fields where the water is used and the crops are produced; Provided, That the exemption from the Tiered Pricing Components for Irrigation Water shall apply only if such habitat values can be assured consistent with the purposes of CVPIA through binding agreements executed with or approved by the Contracting Officer prior to use of such water.

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(3) For purposes of determining the applicability of the Tiered Pricing

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(k) For the term of this Contract, Rates applied under the respective ratesetting policies will be established to recover only reimbursable O&M (including any deficits) and capital costs of the Project, as those terms are used in the then-current Project ratesetting policies, and interest, where appropriate, except in instances where a minimum Rate is applicable in accordance with the relevant Project ratesetting policy. Changes of significance in practices which implement the Contracting Officer's ratesetting policies will not be implemented until the Contracting Officer has provided the Contractors an opportunity to discuss the nature, need, and impact of the proposed change.

(l) Except as provided in subsections 3405(a)(1)(B) and 3405(f) of the CVPIA, the Rates for Project Water transferred by the Contractors shall be the Contractors' Rates adjusted upward or downward to reflect the changed costs of delivery (if any) of the transferred Project Water to the transferee's point of delivery in accordance with the then applicable CVP Ratesetting Policy. If the Contractors is receiving lower Rates and Charges because of inability to pay and is transferring Project Water to another entity whose Rates and Charges are not adjusted due to inability to pay, the Rates and Charges for transferred Project Water shall be the Contractors' Rates and Charges

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unadjusted for inability to pay.

(m) Pursuant to the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), the Contracting Officer is authorized to adjust determinations of ability to pay every five years.

(n) The Contractors asserts that it is not legally obligated to pay any **Project deficits claimed by the United States to have accrued as of the date of this Contract or deficit-related interest charges thereon**. By entering into this Contract, the Contractors do not waive any legal rights or remedies that it may have with respect to such disputed issues. Notwithstanding the execution of this Contract and payments made hereunder, the Contractor may challenge in the appropriate administrative or judicial forums: (1) **the existence**, the computation, or imposition of any deficit charges accruing during the term of the Existing Contract; (2) interest accruing on any such deficits; (3) the inclusion of any such deficit charges or interest in the Rates; (4) the application by the United States of payments made by the Contractors under their Existing Contract; and (5) the application of such payments in the Rates. The Contracting Officer agrees that the Contractors shall be entitled to the benefit of any administrative or judicial ruling in favor of any other **Project M&I contractor** on any of these issues, **and credits for payments heretofore made**, provided that the basis for such ruling is applicable to the Contractors. [Contractor Specific]

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**NON-INTEREST BEARING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DEFICITS**<sup>14</sup>

8. The Contractors and the Contracting Officer concur that, as of the effective date of this Contract, the Contractors **have** no non-interest bearing O&M deficits and shall have no further liability therefore.

**SALES, TRANSFERS, OR EXCHANGES OF WATER**

9. (a) The right to receive Project Water provided for in this Contract may be sold, transferred, or exchanged to others for reasonable and beneficial uses within the State of California if such sale, transfer, or exchange is authorized by applicable Federal and State laws, and applicable guidelines or regulations then in effect. No sale, transfer, or exchange of Project Water under this Contract may take place without the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer, except as provided for in subdivision (b) of this Article, and no such sales, transfers, or exchanges shall be approved absent all appropriate environmental documentation, including but not limited to, documents prepared pursuant to the NEPA and the ESA. Such environmental documentation should include, as appropriate, an analysis of groundwater impacts and economic and social effects, including environmental justice, of the proposed water transfers on both the transferor and transferee.

(b) In order to facilitate efficient water management by means of water transfers of the type historically carried out among Project Contractors located within the same geographical area

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and to allow the Contractors to participate in an accelerated water transfer program during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall prepare, as appropriate, all necessary environmental documentation, required by Federal law, including but not limited to, the NEPA and the ESA analyzing annual transfers within such geographical areas and the Contracting Officer shall determine whether such transfers comply with applicable law. Following the completion of the environmental documentation, such transfers addressed in such documentation shall be conducted with advance notice to the Contracting Officer, but shall not require prior written approval by the Contracting Officer. Such environmental documentation and the Contracting Officer's compliance determination shall be reviewed every five years and updated, as necessary, prior to the expiration of the then existing five year period. All subsequent environmental documentation shall include an alternative to evaluate not less than the quantity of Project Water historically transferred within the same geographical area.

(c) For a water transfer to qualify under subdivision (b) of this Article, such water transfer must: (i) be for irrigation purposes for lands irrigated within the previous three years, for M&I use, groundwater recharge, groundwater banking, or similar groundwater activities, surface water storage, or fish and wildlife resources; not lead to land conversion; and be delivered to established cropland, wildlife refuges, groundwater basins or M&I use; (ii) occur within a single Year; (iii) occur between a willing seller and a willing buyer; (iv) convey water through existing

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facilities with no new construction or modifications to facilities and be between existing Project Contractors and/or the Contractors and the United States, Department of the Interior; and (v) comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local or tribal laws and requirements imposed for protection of the environment and Indian Trust Assets, as defined under Federal law.

APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

10. (a) The amount of any overpayment by the Contractors of the Contractors' O&M, capital, and deficit (if any) obligations for the Year shall be applied first to any current liabilities of the Contractors arising out of this Contract then due and payable. Overpayments of more than \$1,000 shall be refunded at the Contractors' request. In lieu of a refund, any amount of such overpayment at the option of the Contractors, may be credited against amounts to become due to the United States by the Contractors. With respect to overpayment, such refund or adjustment shall constitute the sole remedy of the Contractors or anyone having or claiming to have the right to the use of any of the Project Water supply provided for herein. All credits and refunds of overpayments shall be made within 30 days of the Contracting Officer obtaining direction as to how to credit or refund such overpayment in response to the notice to the Contractors that it has finalized the accounts for the Year in which the overpayment was made.

(b) All advances for miscellaneous costs incurred for work requested by the Contractors pursuant to Article 25 of this Contract shall be adjusted to reflect the actual costs when

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the work has been completed. If the advances exceed the actual costs incurred, the difference will be refunded to the Contractors. If the actual costs exceed the Contractors' advances, the Contractors will be billed for the additional costs pursuant to Article 25.

TEMPORARY REDUCTIONS--RETURN FLOWS

11. (a) Subject to: (i) the authorized purposes and priorities of the Project and the requirements of Federal law and (ii) the obligations of the United States under existing contracts, or renewals thereof, providing for water deliveries from the Project, the Contracting Officer shall make all reasonable efforts to optimize Project Water deliveries to the Contractors as provided in this Contract.

(b) The Contracting Officer or Operating Non-Federal Entity may temporarily discontinue or reduce the quantity of Water Delivered to the Contractors as herein provided for the purposes of investigation, inspection, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any of the Project facilities or any part thereof necessary for the delivery of Project Water to the Contractors, but so far as feasible the Contracting Officer or Operating Non-Federal Entity will give the Contractors due notice in advance of such temporary discontinuance or reduction, except in case of emergency, in which case no notice need be given; Provided, That the United States shall use its best efforts to avoid any discontinuance or reduction in such service. Upon resumption of service after such reduction or discontinuance, and if requested by the Contractors, the United States will, if possible,

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deliver the quantity of Project Water which would have been delivered hereunder in the absence of such discontinuance or reduction.

(c) The United States reserves the right to all seepage and return flow water derived from Water Delivered to the Contractors hereunder which escapes or is discharged beyond the Contractors' Service Area; Provided, That this shall not be construed as claiming for the United States any right to seepage or return flow being put to reasonable and beneficial use pursuant to this Contract within the Contractors' Service Area<sup>15</sup> by the Contractor or those claiming by, through, or under the Contractors.

#### CONSTRAINTS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER

12. (a) In its operation of the Project, the Contracting Officer will use all reasonable means to guard against a Condition of Shortage in the quantity of water to be made available to the Contractors pursuant to this Contract. In the event the Contracting Officer determines that a Condition of Shortage appears probable, the Contracting Officer will notify the Contractors of said determination as soon as practicable.

(b) If there is a Condition of Shortage because of errors in physical operations of the Project, drought, other physical causes beyond the control of the Contracting Officer or actions taken by the Contracting Officer to meet legal obligations then, except as provided in subdivision (a)

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of Article 18 of this Contract, no liability shall accrue against the United States or any of its officers, agents, or employees for any damage, direct or indirect, arising therefrom.

(c) In any Year in which there may occur a Condition of Shortage for any of the reasons specified in subdivision (b) of this Article, the Contracting Officer shall apportion Irrigation Water among the Contractors and others entitled to Irrigation Water from Delta Division Facilities under long-term water service or repayment contracts as follows:

(1) A determination shall be made of the total quantity of Irrigation Water estimated to be scheduled or actually scheduled under subdivision (b) of Article 3 of this Contract and under all other long-term water service or repayment contracts then in force for the delivery of Irrigation Water by the United States from Delta Division Facilities during the relevant Year, the quantity so determined being hereinafter referred to as the contractual commitments;

(2) A determination shall be made of the total quantity of Irrigation Water that is available for meeting the contractual commitments, the quantity so determined being hereinafter referred to as the available supply;

(3) The total quantity of Irrigation Water estimated to be scheduled or actually scheduled by the Contractor during the relevant Year, under subdivision (b) of Article 4 hereof, shall be divided by the contractual commitments, the quotient thus obtained being hereinafter referred to as

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the Contractors' proportionate entitlement; and

(4) The available supply shall be multiplied by the Contractors' proportionate entitlement and the result shall be the quantity of Irrigation Water required to be delivered by the United States to the Contractors for the relevant Year, but in no event shall such amount exceed the Contract Total. In the event the Contracting Officer subsequently determines that the Contracting Officer can increase the available supply for delivery from Delta Division Facilities to long-term water service and repayment Contractors during the relevant Year, such additional Irrigation Water shall be apportioned consistent with subparagraphs (1) through (4), inclusive.

(d) Project Water furnished under this Contract for M&I purposes will be allocated in accordance with the then existing Project M&I Water Shortage Policy. Such policy shall be amended, modified, or superseded only through a public notice and comment procedure.

[Contractor Specific]

(e) **By entering into this Contract, the Contractors does not waive any legal rights or remedies it may have to file or participate in any administrative or judicial proceeding contesting (i) the sufficiency of the manner in which any Project M&I Water Shortage Policy adopted after the effective date of this Contract was promulgated; (ii) the substance of such policy; or (iii) the applicability of such a policy. By agreeing to the foregoing, the Contracting Officer does not waive any legal defenses or remedies that it may then have to**

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assert in such a proceeding.

#### UNAVOIDABLE GROUNDWATER PERCOLATION

13. To the extent applicable, the Contractors shall not be deemed to have delivered Irrigation Water to Excess Lands or Ineligible Lands within the meaning of this Contract if such lands are irrigated with groundwater that reaches the underground strata as an unavoidable result of the delivery of Irrigation Water by the Contractors to Eligible Lands.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

14. The parties agree that the delivery of Irrigation Water or use of Federal facilities pursuant to this Contract is subject to Federal Reclamation law, including but not limited to, the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C.390aa et seq.), as amended and supplemented, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under Federal Reclamation law.

#### WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

15. The Contractors, in carrying out this Contract, shall comply with all applicable water and air pollution laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California, and shall obtain all required permits or licenses from the appropriate Federal, State, or local authorities.

#### QUALITY OF WATER<sup>16</sup>

16. (a) Project facilities used to deliver Project Water to the Contractors pursuant to this Contract shall be operated and maintained to enable the United States to deliver Project Water to the Contractors in accordance with the water quality standards specified in subsection 2(b) of the Act

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of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 865), as added by Section 101 of the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050) or other existing Federal laws. The United States is under no obligation to construct or furnish water treatment facilities to maintain or to improve the quality of Water Delivered to the Contractors pursuant to this Contract. The United States does not warrant the quality of Water Delivered to the Contractors pursuant to this Contract.

(b) The O&M of Project facilities shall be performed in such manner as is practicable to maintain the quality of raw water made available through such facilities at the highest level reasonably attainable as determined by the Contracting Officer. The Contractors shall be responsible for compliance with all State and Federal water quality standards applicable to surface and subsurface agricultural drainage discharges generated through the use of Federal or Contractors facilities or Project Water provided by the Contractors within the Contractors' Service Area.

(c) [San Luis Unit specific issue regarding Drainage language]

**WATER ACQUIRED BY THE CONTRACTORS**  
**OTHER THAN FROM THE UNITED STATES**

17. (a) Water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractors other than from the United States and Irrigation Water furnished pursuant to the terms of this Contract may be simultaneously transported through the same distribution facilities of the Contractors subject to the following: (i) if the facilities utilized for commingling Irrigation Water and non-Project water were constructed without funds made available pursuant to Federal Reclamation

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law, the provisions of Federal Reclamation law will be applicable only to the Landholders of lands which receive Irrigation Water; (ii) the eligibility of land to receive Irrigation Water must be established through the certification requirements as specified in the Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations (43 CFR Part 426); (iii) the water requirements of Eligible Lands within the Contractors' Service Area can be established and the quantity of Irrigation Water to be utilized is less than or equal to the quantity necessary to irrigate such Eligible Lands; and (iv) if the facilities utilized for commingling Irrigation Water and non-Project water are/were constructed with funds made available pursuant to Federal Reclamation law, the non-Project water will be subject to the acreage limitation provisions of Federal Reclamation law, unless the Contractors pay to the United States the incremental fee described in 43 CFR 426.15. In determining the incremental fee, the Contracting Officer will calculate annually the cost to the Federal Government, including interest of storing or delivering non-Project water, which for purposes of this Contract shall be determined as follows: The quotient shall be the unpaid distribution system costs divided by the total irrigable acreage within the Contractors' Service Area. The incremental fee per acre is the mathematical result of such quotient times the interest rate determined using Section 202 (3) of the Act of October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1263). Such incremental fee will be charged to each acre of excess or full cost land within the Contractors' Service Area that receives non-Project water through Federally financed or constructed facilities. The incremental fee calculation methodology will continue during the term of this Contract

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absent the promulgation of a contrary Reclamation-wide rule, regulation or policy adopted after the Contractors has been afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed rule, regulation or policy. If such rule, regulation or policy is adopted it shall supersede this provision.

(b) Water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractors, other than from the United States may be stored, conveyed and/or diverted through Project facilities, subject to the completion of appropriate environmental documentation, with the approval of the Contracting Officer and the execution of any contract determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary, consistent with the following provisions:

(1) The Contractors may introduce non-Project water into Project facilities and deliver said water to lands within the Contractors' Service Area, including Ineligible Lands, subject to payment to the United States and/or to any applicable Operating Non-Federal Entity of an appropriate rate as determined by the CVP Ratesetting Policy and the RRA, each as amended, modified or superceded from time to time. In addition, if electrical power is required to pump non-Project water through the facilities, the Contractors shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary power and paying the necessary charges therefore.

(2) Delivery of such non-Project water in and through Project facilities shall only be allowed to the extent such deliveries do not: (i) interfere with other Project purposes as determined by the Contracting Officer; (ii) reduce the quantity or quality of water available to other

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Project water service contractors; (iii) interfere with the delivery of contractual water entitlements to any other Project water service contractors; or (iv) interfere with the physical maintenance of the Project facilities.

(3) Neither the United States nor the Operating Non-Federal Entity shall be responsible for control, care or distribution of the non-Project water before it is introduced into or after it is delivered from the Project facilities. The Contractors hereby releases and agrees to defend and indemnify the United States and the Operating Non-Federal Entity, and their respective officers, agents, and employees, from any claim for damage to persons or property, direct or indirect, resulting from the Contractors' or its officers', employees', agents' or assigns', act of (i) extracting or diverting non-Project water from any source, or (ii) diverting such non-Project water into Project facilities.

(4) Diversion of such non-Project water into Project facilities shall be consistent with all applicable laws, and if involving groundwater, consistent with any applicable groundwater management plan for the area from which it was extracted.

(5) After Project purposes are met, as determined by the Contracting Officer, the United States and the Contractors shall share priority to utilize the remaining capacity of the facilities declared to be available by the Contracting Officer for conveyance and transportation of non-Project water prior to any such remaining capacity being made available to non-Project

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contractors.

#### OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

18. (a) Where the terms of this Contract provide for actions to be based upon the opinion or determination of either party to this Contract, said terms shall not be construed as permitting such action to be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinions or determinations. Both parties, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Contract, expressly reserve the right to seek relief from and appropriate adjustment for any such arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinion or determination. Each opinion or determination by either party shall be provided in a timely manner. Nothing in subdivision (a) of Article 18 of this Contract is intended to or shall affect or alter the standard of judicial review applicable under Federal law to any opinion or determination implementing a specific provision of Federal law embodied in statute or regulation.

(b) The Contracting Officer shall have the right to make determinations necessary to administer this Contract that are consistent with the provisions of this Contract, the laws of the United States and of the State of California, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior. Such determinations shall be made in consultation with the Contractors to the extent reasonably practicable.

#### COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

19. (a) In order to further their mutual goals and objectives, the Contracting Officer



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and the Contractors shall communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with each other, and with other affected Project Contractors, in order to improve the operation and management of the Project. The communication, coordination, and cooperation regarding operations and management shall include, but not be limited to, any action which will or may materially affect the quantity or quality of Project Water supply, the allocation of Project Water supply, and Project financial matters including, but not limited to, budget issues. The communication, coordination, and cooperation provided for hereunder shall extend to all provisions of this Contract. Each party shall retain exclusive decision making authority for all actions, opinions, and determinations to be made by the respective party.

(b) Within 120 days following the effective date of this Contract, the Contractors, other affected Project Contractors, and the Contracting Officer shall arrange to meet with interested Project Contractors to develop a mutually agreeable, written Project-wide process, which may be amended as necessary separate and apart from this Contract. The goal of this process shall be to provide, to the extent practicable, the means of mutual communication and interaction regarding significant decisions concerning Project operation and management on a real-time basis.

(c) In light of the factors referred to in subdivision (b) of Article 3 of this Contract, it is the intent of the Secretary to improve water supply reliability. To carry out this intent:

(1) The Contracting Officer will, at the request of the Contractors, assist in the development of integrated resource management plans for the Contractors. Further, the

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Contracting Officer will, as appropriate, seek authorizations for implementation of partnerships to improve water supply, water quality, and reliability.

(2) The Secretary will, as appropriate, pursue program and project implementation and authorization in coordination with Project Contractors to improve the water supply, water quality, and reliability of the Project for all Project purposes.

(3) The Secretary will coordinate with Project Contractors and the State of California to seek improved water resource management.

(4) The Secretary will coordinate actions of agencies within the Department of the Interior that may impact the availability of water for Project purposes.

(5) The Contracting Officer shall periodically, but not less than annually, hold division level meetings to discuss Project operations, division level water management activities, and other issues as appropriate.

(d) Without limiting the contractual obligations of the Contracting Officer under the other Articles of this Contract, nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit or constrain the Contracting Officer's ability to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with the Contractors or other interested stakeholders or to make decisions in a timely fashion as needed to protect health, safety or the physical integrity of structures or facilities.

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**CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS**

20. (a) The Contractors shall be subject to interest, administrative and penalty charges on delinquent installments or payments. When a payment is not received by the due date, the Contractors shall pay an interest charge for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. When a payment becomes 60 days delinquent, the Contractors shall pay an administrative charge to cover additional costs of billing and processing the delinquent payment. When a payment is delinquent 90 days or more, the Contractors shall pay an additional penalty charge of six percent per year for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. Further, the Contractors shall pay any fees incurred for debt collection services associated with a delinquent payment.

(b) The interest charge rate shall be the greater of the rate prescribed quarterly in the Federal Register by the Department of the Treasury for application to overdue payments, or the interest rate of one-half of one percent per month prescribed by Section 6 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (Public Law 76-260). The interest charge rate shall be determined as of the due date and remain fixed for the duration of the delinquent period.

(c) When a partial payment on a delinquent account is received, the amount received shall be applied, first to the penalty, second to the administrative charges, third to the accrued interest, and finally to the overdue payment.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

21. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractors agrees as follows:

(a) The Contractors will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractors will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of payment or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractors agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(b) The Contractors will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees

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placed by or on behalf of the Contractors, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(c) The Contractors will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the Contracting Officer, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the Contractors' commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(d) The Contractors will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) The Contractors will furnish all information and reports required by said amended Executive Order and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Contracting Officer and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(f) In the event of the Contractors' noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part, and the Contractors may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in said amended Executive Order, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in said Executive Order, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(g) The Contractors will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (g) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of said amended Executive Order, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractors will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the Contractors may request the United States to enter into

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such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

GENERAL OBLIGATION--BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT

22. (a) The obligation of the Contractors to pay the United States as provided in this Contract is a general obligation of the Contractors notwithstanding the manner in which the obligation may be distributed among the Contractors' water users and notwithstanding the default of individual water users in their obligations to the Contractors.

(b) The payment of charges becoming due hereunder is a condition precedent to receiving benefits under this Contract. The United States shall not make water available to the Contractors through Project facilities during any period in which the Contractors may be in arrears in the advance payment of water rates due the United States. The Contractors shall not furnish water made available pursuant to this Contract for lands or parties which are in arrears in the advance payment of water rates levied or established by the Contractors.

(c) With respect to subdivision (b) of this Article, the Contractors shall have no obligation to require advance payment for water rates which it levies.

COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS

23. (a) The Contractors shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975 (P.L. 93-112, as amended), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101, et seq.) and any other applicable civil rights laws, as well as with their respective implementing regulations and guidelines imposed by the U.S. Department of the Interior and/or Bureau of Reclamation.

(b) These statutes require that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from the Bureau of Reclamation. By executing this Contract, the Contractors agrees to immediately take any measures necessary to implement this obligation, including permitting officials of the United States to inspect premises, programs, and documents.

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(c) The Contractors makes this agreement in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property discounts, or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Contractors by the Bureau of Reclamation, including installment payments after such date on account of arrangements for Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date. The Contractor recognizes and agrees that such Federal assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this Article, and that the United States reserves the right to seek judicial enforcement thereof.

**PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE**

24. (a) The Contractors shall comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) (the Act) and the Department of the Interior rules and regulations under the Act (43 CFR 2.45 et seq.) in maintaining Landholder acreage certification and reporting records, required to be submitted to the Contractors for compliance with Sections 206 and 228 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1266), and pursuant to 43 CFR 426.18.

(b) With respect to the application and administration of the criminal penalty provisions of the Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(i)), the Contractors and the Contractors' employees responsible for maintaining the certification and reporting records referenced in (a) above are considered to be employees of the Department of the Interior. See 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).

(c) The Contracting Officer or a designated representative shall provide the Contractors with current copies of the Interior Department Privacy Act regulations and the Bureau of Reclamation Federal Register Privacy Act System of Records Notice (Acreage Limitation--Interior, Reclamation-31) which govern the maintenance, safeguarding, and disclosure of information contained in the Landholder's certification and reporting records.

(d) The Contracting Officer shall designate a full-time employee of the Bureau of Reclamation to be the System Manager who shall be responsible for making decisions on denials pursuant to 43 CFR 2.61 and 2.64 amendment requests pursuant to 43 CFR 2.72. The Contractors are authorized to grant requests by individuals for access to their own records.

(e) The Contractors shall forward promptly to the System Manager each proposed denial of access under 43 CFR 2.64; and each request for amendment of records filed under 43 CFR 2.71; notify the requester accordingly of such referral; and provide the System Manager with information and records necessary to prepare an appropriate response to the requester. These

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1006 requirements do not apply to individuals seeking access to their own certification and reporting forms  
1007 filed with the Contractors pursuant to 43 CFR 426.18, unless the requester elects to cite the Privacy  
1008 Act as a basis for the request.

1009 CONTRACTORS TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

1010 25. In addition to all other payments to be made by the Contractors pursuant to this  
1011 Contract, the Contractors shall pay to the United States, within 60 days after receipt of a bill and  
1012 detailed statement submitted by the Contracting Officer to the Contractors for such specific items of  
1013 direct cost incurred by the United States for work requested by the Contractors associated with this  
1014 Contract plus indirect costs in accordance with applicable Bureau of Reclamation policies and  
1015 procedures. All such amounts referred to in this Article shall not exceed the amount agreed to in  
1016 writing in advance by the Contractors. This Article shall not apply to costs for routine contract  
1017 administration.

1018 WATER CONSERVATION

1019 26. (a) Prior to the delivery of water provided from or conveyed through Federally  
1020 constructed or Federally financed facilities pursuant to this Contract, the Contractors shall be  
1021 implementing an effective water conservation and efficiency program based on the Contractors'  
1022 water conservation plan that has been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet the conservation  
1023 and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law. The  
1024 water conservation and efficiency program shall contain definite water conservation objectives,

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appropriate economically feasible water conservation measures, and time schedules for meeting those objectives. Continued Project Water delivery pursuant to this Contract shall be contingent upon the Contractors' continued implementation of such water conservation program. In the event the Contractors' water conservation plan or any revised water conservation plan completed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Article 26 of this Contract have not yet been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet such criteria, due to circumstances which the Contracting Officer determines are beyond the control of the Contractors, water deliveries shall be made under this Contract so long as the Contractors diligently work with the Contracting Officer to obtain such determination at the earliest practicable date, and thereafter the Contractors immediately begin implementing its water conservation and efficiency program in accordance with the time schedules therein.

(b) Should the amount of M&I Water delivered pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract equal or exceed 2,000 acre-feet per Year, the Contractors shall implement the Best Management Practices identified by the time frames issued by the California Urban Water Conservation Council for such M&I Water unless any such practice is determined by the Contracting Officer to be inappropriate for the Contractors.

(c) The Contractors shall submit to the Contracting Officer a report on the status of its implementation of the water conservation plan on the reporting dates specified in the then existing conservation and efficiency criteria established under Federal law.



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(d) At five year intervals, the Contractors shall revise its water conservation plan to reflect the then current conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law and submit such revised water management plan to the Contracting Officer for review and evaluation. The Contracting Officer will then determine if the water conservation plan meets Reclamation's then current conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law.

(e) If the Contractors **are** engaged in direct groundwater recharge, such activity shall be described in the Contractors' water conservation plan.

#### EXISTING OR ACQUIRED WATER OR WATER RIGHTS

27. Except as specifically provided in Article 17 of this Contract, the provisions of this Contract shall not be applicable to or affect non-Project water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractors or any user of such water within the Contractors' Service Area. Any such water shall not be considered Project Water under this Contract. In addition, this Contract shall not be construed as limiting or curtailing any rights which the Contractors or any water user within the Contractors' Service Area acquires or has available under any other contract pursuant to Federal Reclamation law.

#### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY OPERATING NON-FEDERAL ENTITY<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> Contractor/Unit specific. Other ONFE's may need to be referenced for each individual contractor

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28. (a) The O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractors, and responsibility for funding a portion of the costs of such O&M, have been transferred to the Operating Non-Federal Entity by separate agreement between the United States and the Operating Non-Federal Entity. That separate agreement shall not interfere with or affect the rights or obligations of the Contractors or the United States hereunder.

(b) The Contracting Officer has previously notified the Contractors in writing that the O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractors has been transferred to the Operating Non-Federal Entity, and therefore, the Contractors shall pay directly to the Operating Non-Federal Entity, or to any successor approved by the Contracting Officer under the terms and conditions of the separate agreement between the United States and the Operating Non-Federal Entity described in subdivision (a) of this Article, all rates, charges, or assessments of any kind, including any assessment for reserve funds, which the Operating Non-Federal Entity or such successor determines, sets, or establishes for the O&M of the portion of the Project facilities operated and maintained by the Operating Non-Federal Entity or such successor. Such direct payments to the Operating Non-Federal Entity or such successor shall not relieve the Contractors of its obligation to pay directly to the United States the Contractors' share of the Project Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Components except to the extent the Operating Non-Federal Entity collects payments on behalf of the United States in accordance with the separate agreement identified in subdivision (a) of

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this Article.

(c) For so long as the O&M of any portion of the Project facilities serving the Contractors is performed by the Operating Non-Federal Entity, or any successor thereto, the Contracting Officer shall adjust those components of the Rates for Water Delivered under this Contract representing the cost associated with the activity being performed by the Operating Non-Federal Entity or its successor.

(d) In the event the O&M of the Project facilities operated and maintained by the Operating Non-Federal Entity is re-assumed by the United States during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall so notify the Contractors, in writing, and present to the Contractors a revised Exhibit "B" which shall include the portion of the Rates to be paid by the Contractors for Project Water under this Contract representing the O&M costs of the portion of such Project facilities which have been re-assumed. The Contractor shall, thereafter, in the absence of written notification from the Contracting Officer to the contrary, pay the Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component(s) specified in the revised Exhibit "B" directly to the United States in compliance with Article 7 of this Contract.

**CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATION OR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS**

29. The expenditure or advance of any money or the performance of any obligation of the United States under this Contract shall be contingent upon appropriation or allotment of funds. Absence of appropriation or allotment of funds shall not relieve the Contractors from any obligations under this Contract. No liability shall accrue to the United States in case funds are not appropriated

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or allotted.

BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS

30. (a) The Contractors shall establish and maintain accounts and other books and records pertaining to administration of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including: the Contractors' financial transactions, water supply data, and Project land and right-of-way agreements; the water users' land-use (crop census), land ownership, land-leasing and water use data; and other matters that the Contracting Officer may require. Reports thereon shall be furnished to the Contracting Officer in such form and on such date or dates as the Contracting Officer may require. Subject to applicable Federal laws and regulations, each party to this Contract shall have the right during office hours to examine and make copies of the other party's books and records relating to matters covered by this Contract.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a) of this Article, no books, records, or other information shall be requested from the Contractors by the Contracting Officer unless such books, records, or information are reasonably related to the administration or performance of this Contract. Any such request shall allow the Contractors a reasonable period of time within which to provide the requested books, records, or information.

(c) At such time as the Contractors provide information to the Contracting Officer pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article, a copy of such information shall be provided to the Operating Non-Federal Entity.

ASSIGNMENT LIMITED--SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED

31. (a) The provisions of this Contract shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the parties hereto, but no assignment or transfer of this Contract or any right or interest therein shall be valid until approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.

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1122 (b) The assignment of any right or interest in this Contract by either party shall not  
1123 interfere with the rights or obligations of the other party to this Contract absent the written  
1124 concurrence of said other party.

1125 (c) The Contracting Officer shall not unreasonably condition or withhold approval  
1126 of any proposed assignment.

1127 **SEVERABILITY**

1128 32. In the event that a person or entity who is neither (i) a party to a Project contract, nor  
1129 (ii) a person or entity that receives Project Water from a party to a Project contract, nor (iii) an  
1130 association or other form of organization whose primary function is to represent parties to Project  
1131 contracts, brings an action in a court of competent jurisdiction challenging the legality or  
1132 enforceability of a provision included in this Contract and said person, entity, association, or  
1133 organization obtains a final court decision holding that such provision is legally invalid or  
1134 unenforceable and the Contractors has not intervened in that lawsuit in support of the plaintiff(s), the  
1135 parties to this Contract shall use their best efforts to (i) within 30 days of the date of such final court  
1136 decision identify by mutual agreement the provisions in this Contract which must be revised and (ii)  
1137 within three months thereafter promptly agree on the appropriate revision(s). The time periods  
1138 specified above may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. Pending the completion of the  
1139 actions designated above, to the extent it can do so without violating any applicable provisions of

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law, the United States shall continue to make the quantities of Project Water specified in this

Contract available to the Contractors pursuant to the provisions of this Contract which were not

found to be legally invalid or unenforceable in the final court decision.

#### RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

33. Should any dispute arise concerning any provisions of this Contract, or the parties' rights and obligations thereunder, the parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Prior to the Contractors commencing any legal action, or the Contracting Officer referring any matter to the Department of Justice, the party shall provide to the other party 30 days' written notice of the intent to take such action; Provided, That such notice shall not be required where a delay in commencing an action would prejudice the interests of the party that intends to file suit. During the 30 day notice period, the Contractors and the Contracting Officer shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Except as specifically provided, nothing herein is intended to waive or abridge any right or remedy that the Contractors or the United States may have.

#### OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

34. No Member of or Delegate to Congress, Resident Commissioner, or official of the Contractors shall benefit from this Contract other than as a water user or landowner in the same manner as other water users or landowners.

#### CHANGES IN CONTRACTORS' SERVICE AREA

35. (a) While this Contract is in effect, no change may be made in the Contractors' Service Area or boundaries, by inclusion or exclusion of lands, dissolution, consolidation, merger, or

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otherwise, except upon the Contracting Officer's written consent.

(b) Within 30 days of receipt of a request for such a change, the Contracting Officer will notify the Contractors of any additional information required by the Contracting Officer for processing said request, and both parties will meet to establish a mutually agreeable schedule for timely completion of the process. Such process will analyze whether the proposed change is likely to: (i) result in the use of Project Water contrary to the terms of this Contract; (ii) impair the ability of the Contractors to pay for Project Water furnished under this Contract or to pay for any Federally-constructed facilities for which the Contractors **are** responsible; and (iii) have an impact on any Project Water rights applications, permits, or licenses. In addition, the Contracting Officer shall comply with the NEPA and the ESA. The Contractors will be responsible for all costs incurred by the Contracting Officer in this process, and such costs will be paid in accordance with Article 25 of this Contract.

#### FEDERAL LAWS

36. By entering into this Contract, the Contractors does not waive its rights to contest the validity or application in connection with the performance of the terms and conditions of this Contract of any Federal law or regulation; Provided, That the Contractors agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract unless and until relief from application of such Federal law or regulation to the implementing provision of the Contract is granted by a court of competent

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1178 NOTICES

1179 37. Any notice, demand, or request authorized or required by this Contract shall be  
1180 deemed to have been given, on behalf of the Contractors, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered  
1181 to the Area Manager, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721, and on  
1182 behalf of the United States, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Board of Directors of  
1183 the **Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, 36 Brennan Street, Watsonville CA 95076;**  
1184 **Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose CA 95118-3686 and/or**  
1185 **Westlands Water District Distribution District No. 1, P.O. Box 6065, Fresno CA 93703-6065.**  
1186 The designation of the addressee or the address may be changed by notice given in the same manner  
1187 as provided in this Article for other notices.

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1189 CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACT<sup>18</sup>

1190 38. The Contractors, after the execution of this Contract, shall promptly seek to secure a  
1191 decree of a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of California, confirming the execution of this  
1192 Contract. The Contractors shall furnish the United States a certified copy of the final decree, the  
1193 validation proceedings, and all pertinent supporting records of the court approving and confirming  
1194 this Contract, and decreeing and adjudging it to be lawful, valid, and binding on the Contractors.

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<sup>18</sup> Contractor Specific



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1195 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract as of the day and year first  
1196 above written.

1197 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
1198 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
1199 Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region  
1200 Bureau of Reclamation

1201 **PAJARO VALLEY WATER**  
1202 **MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

1203 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
1204 President of the Board of Directors

1205 Attest:

1206 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
1207 Secretary of the Board of Directors

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1210 **SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER**  
1211 **DISTRICT**

1212 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
1213 President of the Board of Directors

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1214 Attest:

1215 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
1216 Secretary of the Board of Directors

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**WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT**  
**DISTRIBUTION DISTRICT NO. 1**

1221 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
1222 President of the Board of Directors

1223 Attest:

1224 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
1225 Secretary of the Board of Directors

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[Map or Description of Service Area]

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